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Senator Gregg Offers Tentative Support for a 3-Year Freeze in Certain Discretionary Spending Programs

Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH), ranking member of the Senate Budget Committee, today offered tentative support for a potential freeze in some areas of discretionary spending for three years, something the President will reportedly include in his FY 2011 budget proposal.

“I have not seen the actual proposal yet, but if the President is suggesting a real freeze in some broad areas of discretionary spending for three years, he will have my support, especially if he includes some kind of enforcement mechanism, such as statutory caps, to enforce the freeze levels. During this time of staggering deficits and debt, a spending freeze is definitely a step in the right direction. I am somewhat concerned that the President’s proposal could exempt two-thirds of discretionary spending from a freeze, but nonetheless it is a start. However, major entitlement reform is the only way to have a true impact on the impending melt-down of our federal fiscal house, so that needs to be a top priority in the upcoming budget as well.”